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"FOR WHOM DEATH TOLLS"

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Evil Ernie is an undead teenaged psychotic with the ability to re-animate and control the dead. Last issue, Evil fought an unidentified religious fanatic who is out to destroy him. SMILEY, the psychotic button, was separated from Evil. LADY DEATH was plagued by nightmares that she was brutally murdered by a demonic, winged woman. Dr. Price and Mary realized that to discover Ernest Fairchild's achilles heel, they must go back to his "birth place", Neurotech.

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NEW YORK CITY,
AMONG THE DEAD...

UNTIL ABOUT FIVE MINUTES
AGO, EVIL ERNIE BELIEVED
THAT HE **MURDERED**
EVERY **LIVING, BREATHING**
THING IN MANHATTAN--
PERSONALLY.

**NO
YOU
DIE!**

Boss,
really I feel
loose. I'm
just a
button.
Fix me!

**BACK
OFF!**

Boss,
hey,
boss!

TWAK

**BACK
OFF!**

PING

PING

UGH!

**FWA-
BOM**

**LET'S
PLAY!**

IN FACT, TO MARK THIS HISTORIC, NIHILISTIC OCCASSION-- THE DEATH OF ALL THINGS LIVING-- EVIL ERNIE STARTED A MASSIVE CELEBRATION OF THE UNDEAD!

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE FESTIVITIES, HE ORDERED HIS GHOULS TO BURN NEW YORK CITY TO THE GROUND!

THEN THIS LIVE ONE SHOWED UP.

SUFFICE TO SAY, THE EVIL ONE IS NOT HAPPY.

HE STILL HAS WORK TO DO!

LET'S PLAY
**SURPRISE
YOU'RE
DEAD!**

DON'T COUNT ON IT, MURDERER!

YOU'RE AN ABOMINATION FROM HELL, EVIL ERNIE!

SCRANK

MY MAMA DIED BELIEVIN' YOU TO BE ME! I VOWED REVENGE!

I COME ALL THE WAY FROM LOUISIANA TO GET 'ERE! THE DEAD WALK THE EARTH BECAUSE OF YOU! INNOCENTS HAVE BECOME MURDERERS!

I WAS FORCED TO KILL PEOPLE I CALLED FRIENDS, FAMILY BECAUSE OF YOU! YOU MADE THEM GHOULS!

GUILTY AS CHARGED!

IN VIRGINIA, I FOUND THE LIGHT. FOUND MY CALLIN'.

FOUND THE POWER. AND THEN IT WAS CLEAR.

THE LORD WAS CALLIN'. PUT AN END TO HIM, HE SAID.



ABOVE THE
MELEE...

DEAD
ONE TO
PRICE.

GO
'HEAD.

GOTTA
DRAW HIM
OUT INTO
THE OPEN.

LEAD
HIM TO THE
CATHEDRAL.

UNKNOWN
LIVING ONE
SURVIVING
EVIL ERNIE
ATTACK.

SEE HOW
LONG HE
LASTS. THEN
BRING
HIM IN!

COPY
THAT. **DEAD**
ONE
OUT.

W
HOOA

This
ain't **NO**
good.

Nope,
no good
at all.

Hellipp!

BOING

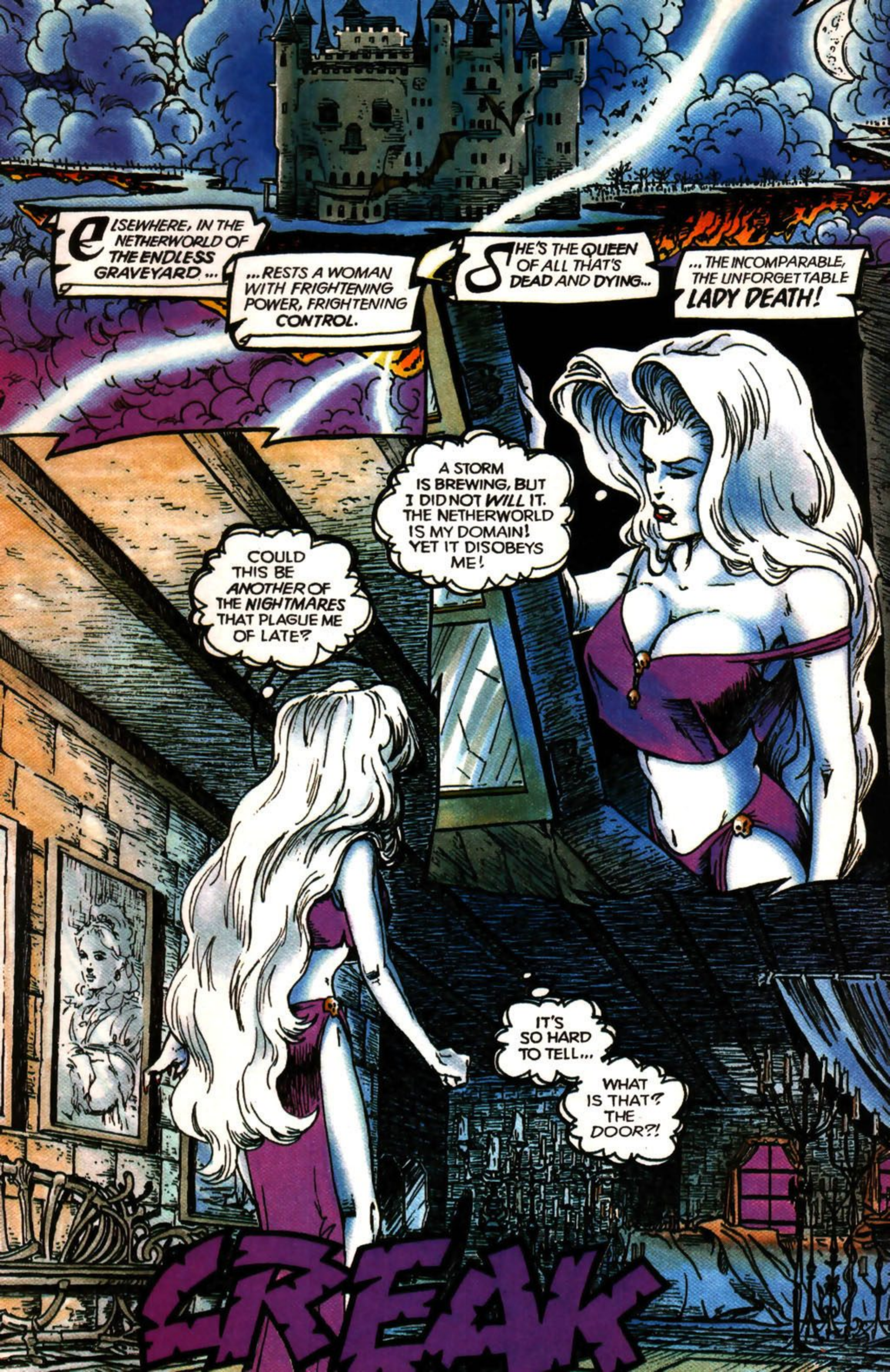
Aw,
f@%!

Oh, my
achin'
cross-
bones!

No
good. No
good at
all!

Evil!
Where the
f@%! are
ya?





ELSEWHERE, IN THE
NETHERWORLD OF
THE ENDLESS
GRAVEYARD ...

... RESTS A WOMAN
WITH FRIGHTENING
POWER, FRIGHTENING
CONTROL.

HE'S THE QUEEN
OF ALL THAT'S
DEAD AND DYING...

... THE INCOMPARABLE,
THE UNFORGETTABLE
LADY DEATH!

COULD
THIS BE
ANOTHER OF
THE NIGHTMARES
THAT PLAGUE ME
OF LATE?

A STORM
IS BREWING, BUT
I DID NOT *WILL* IT.
THE NETHERWORLD
IS MY DOMAIN!
YET IT DISOBEYS
ME!

IT'S
SO HARD
TO TELL...

WHAT
IS THAT?
THE
DOOR?!

CREAK



WHO DARES?!
IT'S HER!
THE
PHANTOM!

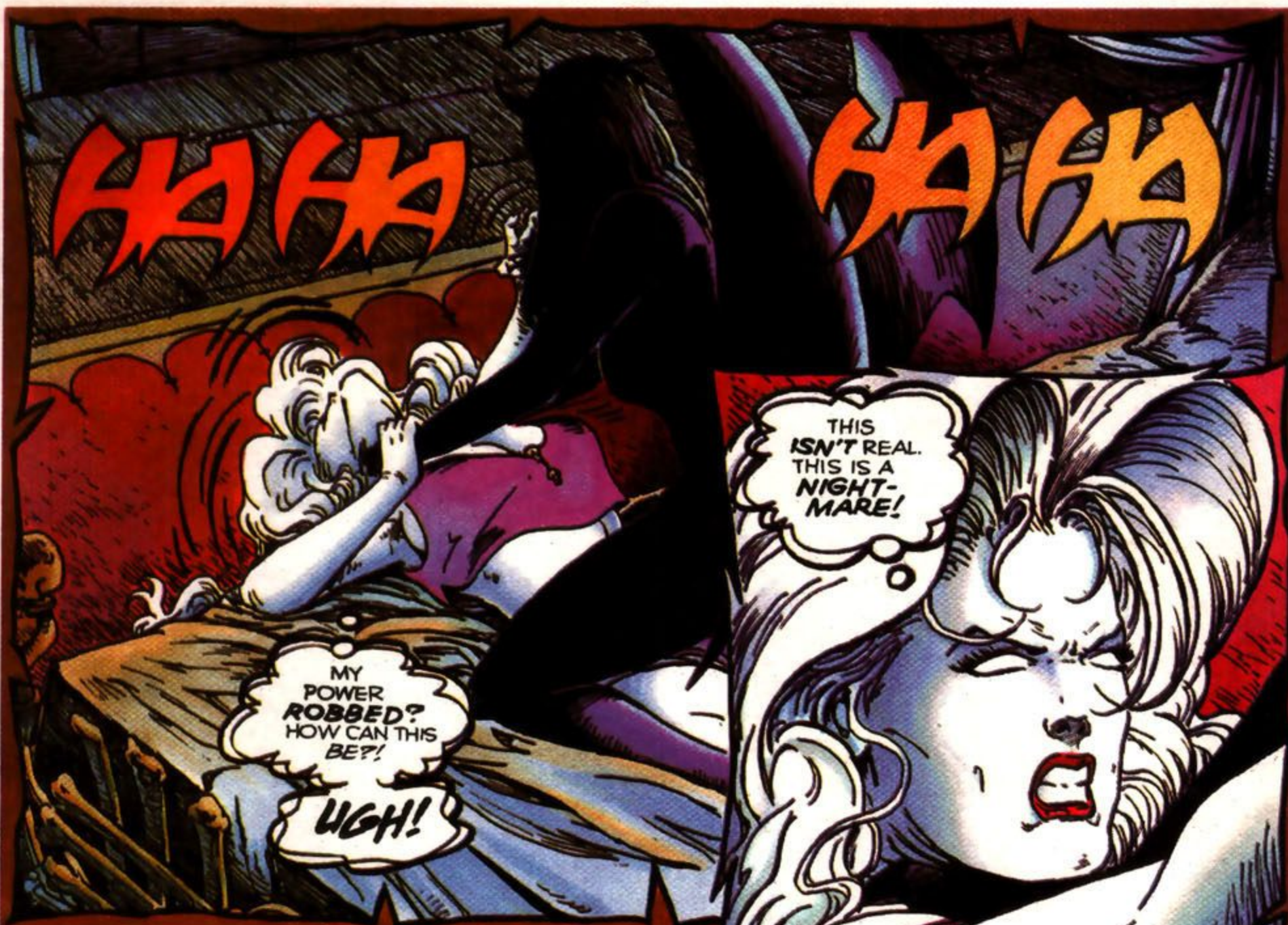
COME
AND SEE
WHAT
POWER
TRULY IS!

COME
PHANTOM.
COME AND
**FACE MY
FURY!**

HA HA HA

HA

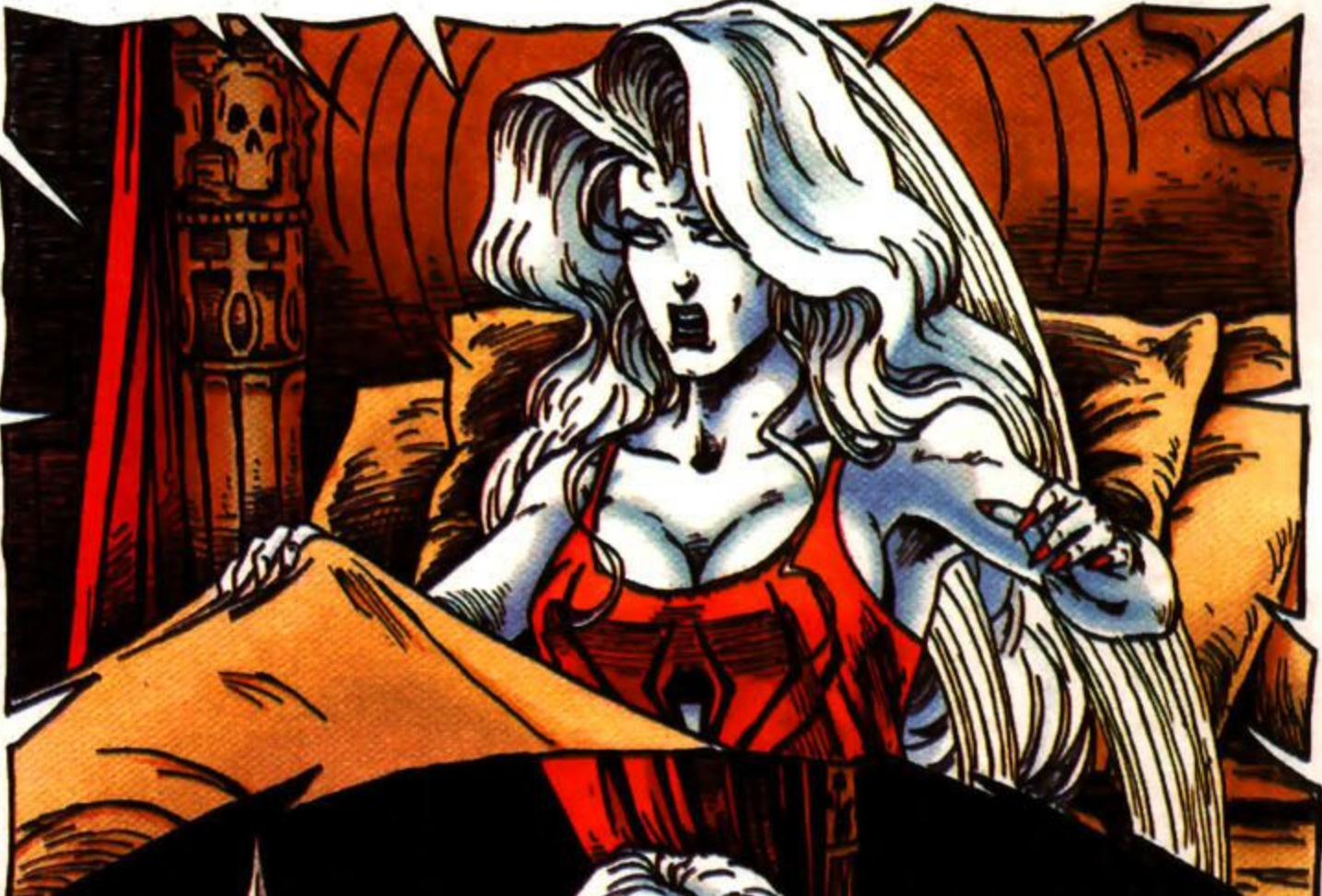
UGH!





SCREEAK

BOOM



I CAN NO LONGER **DENY** IT. EITHER I AM LOSING CONTROL, OR I AM UNDER ATTACK BY AN **UNSEEN** FORCE.

IS IT **LUCIFER'S** ESSENCE DESIGNING TO ESCAPE?

AND WHAT OF MY EMISSARY **EVIL ERNIE**? HE HASN'T VISITED ME IN HIS DREAMS FOR **WEEKS!**



STOP THIS! THIS IS NOT HOW **LADY DEATH** BEHAVES!

I AM **NOT** LOSING CONTROL. SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS BEHIND THIS!

FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF NEW YORK CITY
LIES EVIL ERNIE'S BIRTHPLACE.

WOULDYA
BELIEVE IT?
PLACES **INTACT**.
SWARMIN' WITH
GHOULS,
THOUGH.

READY
THE
**CLEAN
UP
SQUAD!**

MY
ZOMBIE
CONTROL
DEVICE IS
**FOOL
PROOF!**

**MOVE
'EM
OUT!**

YEAH,
FOOL PROOF.
JUST LIKE YOUR
DREAM PROBE
THAT INTRODUCED
EVIL ERNIE TO
LADY DEATH,
huh?

**PERIMETER
SECURED,
SIR.**

I'M
GONNA DO
WHAT IT **TAKES**
TO "CURE"
EVIL ERNIE.
PERMANENTLY.
REMEMBER —
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE HERE —
TO FIND A
CHINK IN HIS
ARMOR.

PRICE,
YOU MAKE DR.
FRANKENSTEIN
LOOK LIKE AN
AMATEUR. I'VE
SEEN YOUR **WORK**
IN THE SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE. YOU'VE
LOST IT.

**DON'T
PUSH
ME,
MARY.**

YOU
SURE YOU
CONTROL YOUR
ZOMBIE SQUAD,
PRICE? IF THEY
TURN ON
US...

LET
'EM DO
THEIR JOB,
MARY.
THEY'RE
PROS!

THAT'S
WHAT I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT.

CLEARVIEW
MENTAL
INSTITUTION

BUDDA

BAM

BAM

BUDDA



I **DREAD**
COMING HERE.
NEUROTECH, MY
GREATEST FAILURE.
THERE **MUST** BE
SOME ANSWERS
LOCKED AWAY
HERE.

SURE
YOU'RE
READY
FOR THIS,
MARY?

I WANTED
SO MUCH FOR
IT TO WORK.

ALL OF US
IN TOWN **KNEW**
ERNEST FAIRCHILD WAS
ABUSED, YET WE DID
NOTHING.

I STUDIED,
I STUDIED SO
HARD TO FIND
A SOLUTION.

WHEN THE
STATE APPROVED
NEUROTECH, I WAS
SURE IT WAS GOING
TO WORK.

INSTEAD—
SHE—LADY DEATH—
TAMPERED WITH MY
MACHINE.

ERNIE **DIED**.
HE RE-ANIMATED
WITH THE POWER
TO **CONTROL**
THE DEAD.

NOW HALF
THE COUNTRY IS
OVERRUN WITH
THE **LIVING**
DEAD.

I'VE LOST
MY BROTHERS
AND SISTER. I'M
AFRAID I'VE LOST
MY **HUMANITY**...

C'MON,
MARY.
LET'S
MOVE
ON.

GET
YOUR
HANDS
OFF ME,
PRICE.
NOW!

DEAD
ONES, KEEP
THOSE ~~THE~~
FIRES BURNIN'!

THERE'S
SOMETHIN'
EVEN
THAT NEEDS
KILLIN'!

WHAT?
SMILEY?
WHERE THE
HECK ARE
YA, L'IL
BUDDY?

EVIL
ERNIE!

KER

ASSH

WHERE'S
MY
BUTTON,
MAN?!

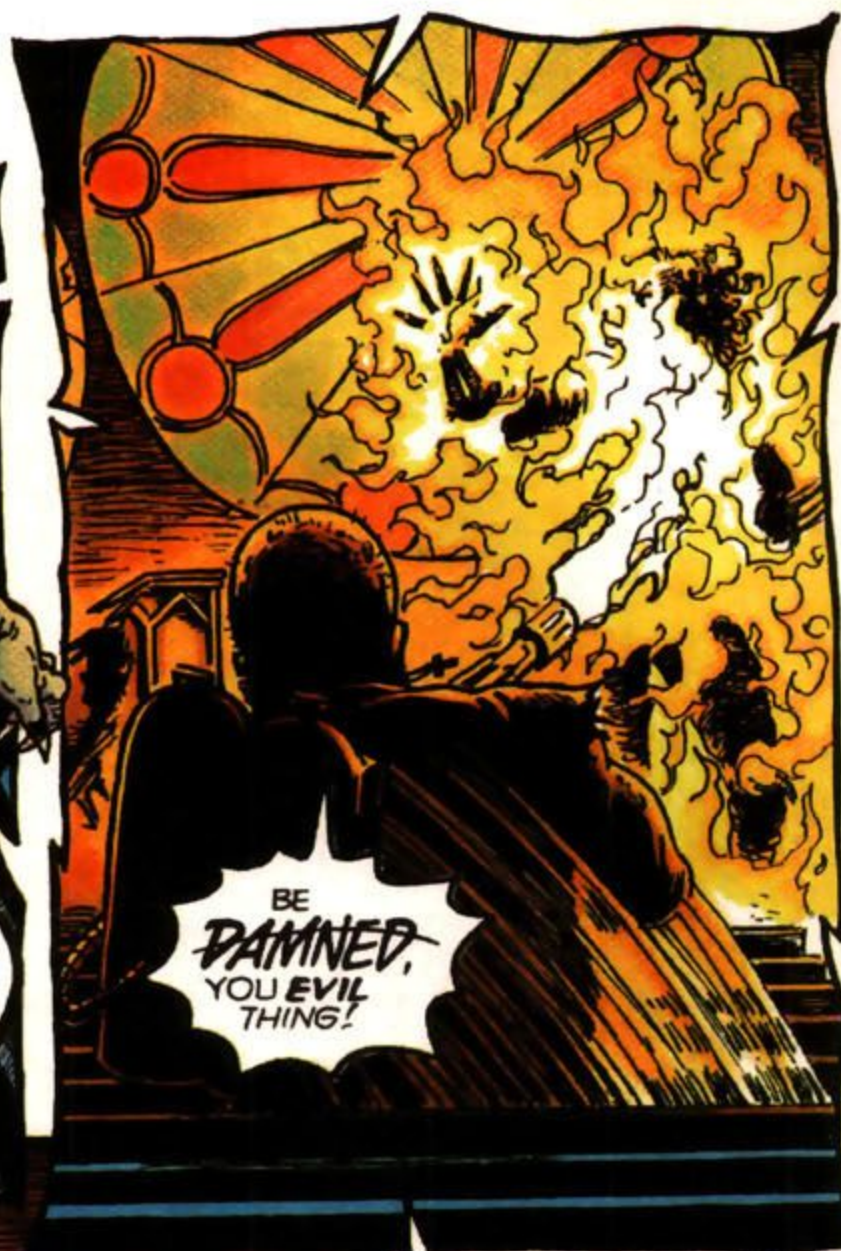
THAT'S IT,
MONSTER.
COME TO
CRUSH.

NO THING
OF EVIL CAN
ENTER THE LORD'S
HOUSE AND
SURVIVE.

BUT IF'N
HE DOES, I
GOT SOME
OTHER
SURPRISES.



COME
OUT, COME
OUT, WHERE
EVER YOU
ARE!



BE
DAMNED,
YOU EVIL
THING!



THOUGHT
I ~~KILLED~~
EVERY LIVING
THING IN
MANHATTAN,
THEN YOU
SHOW UP!

DON'TCHA
WANNA BE
FRIENDZZ?

DEAD
ONEZ
ARE MY
FRIEND!

LORD,
GIMMIE
STRENGTH!



LORD,
HEAR MY
PRAYERS!



SWAK

HA
HA HA!
QUIT
TICKLING!
NO FAIR!

ARRGH!

VAROOO

HEAR MY
PRAYERS!

PAIN?

Nope,
no good
at all.

Hallpp!

NEARBY...

HSSSS!

POUING



BY ALL
THAT IS
UNHOLY!

MY
EARTHLY
MISSION OF
MEGADEATH
IS IN
JEOPARDY!

EVIL
ERNIE AND
HIS **OBNOXIOUS**
LITTLE BUTTON
CAN'T BE
SEPARATED!

THE
OUTCOME
COULD
PROVE
FATAL!

MY
POOR
BOY.

IF ONLY
HE WOULD
TAKE A LIFE! I
COULD WILL MY
SPIRIT FORM
TO RISE THROUGH
THE **BLOOD** OF
HIS VICTIM.

THEN I
COULD
WARN HIM.
THEY MUST
GET BACK
TOGETHER!



AFTER
ERNIE **DIED**
DURING
NEUROTECH,
WE **DISPOSED**
OF THE BODY
HERE.

LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK.



UNBELIEVABLE.



IT'S
NURSE
GOODWILL,
ERNIE'S
NURSE!

POOR,
POOR ERNIE...
I HOPED
MARY COULD'VE
HELPED
YOU...

...EVERYTHING
WOULD BE SO
NICE...

...AND
YOU WOULD
HAVE LIVED
HAPPILY
EVER AFTER.

I
ONLY
WANTED
THE
BEST...

GOODWILL,
WERE YOU **THERE?**!
WHAT HAPPENED WHEN
ERNEST FAIRCHILD
RESURRECTED?

I PINNED...
THE SMILE BUTTON...
ON HIM... THEN HE
KILLED ME... HE
KILLED THE ORDERLIES
...I BELIEVE...

I OPENED
MY EYES... SAW
THEIR BODIES...
LAYING THERE,
THE ORDERLIES...

ERNEST
WAS HOLDING
HIS HEAD... PATIENTS
SCREAMING...
IRRITATING
HIM...

ORDERLIES
GOT UP, **KILLED**
THE PATIENTS...
ALL BECAUSE THE
NOISE BOTHERED
ERNEST.

IT ALL
MAKES
SENSE
NOW.

THE
NOISES!
HE'S TELE-
PATHIC!

THAT'S
WHAT FORCED
HIM TO **KILL** HIM
NEIGHBORS!

HE
COULDN'T
TAKE THE
NOISE...

ACUTE
SENSITIVITY
TO
SOUND!



I
DON'T
BUY IT,
PRICE.



THINK
ABOUT IT.
HE'S **TELE-
PATHIC!**

I
REMEMBER
AFTER HE
MURDERED
HIS PARENTS.
ALL HE TALKED
ABOUT WAS
SILENCING
THE NOISES IN
HIS HEAD.



C'MON,
PRICE. HE'S
KILLED **MILLIONS**.
HE'S HEARD LOUD
SOUNDS SINCE
THEN.

PLUS,
HE'S TELEPATHIC
WITH THE **DEAD**,
NOT THE
LIVING.

YEAH,
BUT THESE
TAPES HERE
--IT'S HIS
PARENTS!

YOU
DOUBLE
BACK. BRING
BACK THAT
GHOUL WE
DISCOVERED.

CHECK.

HERE HE GOES AGAIN.
A LITTLE **RESEARCH** AND
HE HAS A **PROGNOSIS**.
I'M NOT GOING TO PUSH
MY LUCK. NOT
WITH **ZOMBIES** AROUND.

NOT
AFTER WHAT
I **SAW** AT THE
SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE.



HAPPILY EVER AFTER...

HA HA HA HA HA!



BACK IN NEW YORK,
THE CITY **BURNS!**

IN THE CATHEDRAL, THINGS TAKE
A TURN FOR THE **WORSE!**

HA HA HA

I MAY
BE DYING,
BUT YOU GOT
IT ALL
WRONG!

AS SMILEY ROLLS THROUGH
THE CATHEDRAL DOORS...

YOU
SEE, EVIL ERNIE,
YOU'RE A **HELL-
SPAWN!** THE HOUSE OF
THE LORD **REJECTS** YOU!
YOU'RE **DYIN'!** YOUR
REIGN OF MEGADEATH
IS OVER. THE **GOOD**
AND **INNOCENT** PEOPLE
WILL WALK THE STREETS
SAFE ONCE
AGAIN!

AND
THIS HERE
HOLY WATER
WILL **SPEED**
YOUR
DEMISE!

EEOH!

CLUNK

EVIL
ERNIE HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
HELL.

SQUEE!

SQUEE!

SQUEE!

...can't
"go"
on...

THE GOOD
PEOPLE, THEY
KNEW. THEY
KNEW! AND
THEY DID
NOTHING!

NO, HELL
DIDN'T MAKE
ME WHAT I AM,
LIVING ONE.
THE GOOD
PEOPLE
DID.

AND...
I'VE MADE
THEM PAY!

WHERE
ARE... YOU
"SMILEY"?

HELL
DIDN'T
MAKE
ME.

IT WAS
THE GOOD
PEOPLE, THE
INNOCENT
PEOPLE.

WHEN
MY FAMILY
TORTURED
ME - WHY
DIDN'T THEY
STOP THEM?

I WAS
A CHILD,
I BEGGED
FOR HELP.

WHERE
IS... MY
ONLY
FRIEND
?

SEPARATED FROM THE EVIL ONE
FOR FAR TOO LONG SMILEY
REGRESSES.

Sniff
Sniff



WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HIS
SUPERNATURAL ENERGY
DEPLETED, SMILEY REVERTS
BACK TO BEING AN
ORDINARY PLASTIC
BUTTON.

THIS
IS FOR YOU,
MAMA. I'M NOT
GONNA ALLOW
YA TO GO ON,
EVIL
ERNIE.

WHAT?!

HEY,
THAT'S MY
BUTTON!



SLIP

SLASH

SEE YA
LATER,
ALLIGATOR.

PFT PFT PFT

WHOMP

MAMA..
I'M COMIN'
HOME..



C'MERE...
LITTLE BUDDY...
MAYBE... JUST
MAYBE..

AN CHA
CHA CHA
CHA CHA!

FEEL
GOOD AS
NEW!

We're
back in
the
saddle,
boss!

YEAH!
BACK IN
BLACK!

OUT OF THE BLOOD
OF EVIL'S VICTIM,
SHE RISES...

SILLY
BOY.

HERE'S A
LITTLE **EXTRA**
SUPERNATURAL
ENERGY, IN CASE
THIS **EVER**
HAPPENS
AGAIN.

Hubba
hubba.

YOU SHOULD
KNOW BETTER.
YOU AND YOUR
BUTTON CAN'T BE
SEPARATED FOR
LONG.

THE
CONSEQUENCES
WOULD BE
FATAL.

YEAH,
YEAH, I
KNOW..

LADY,
DEATH,
DON'T
GO!

I DON'T
LEAVE BY
CHOICE.

IT IS
LUCIFER'S
CURSE!

DON'T FORGET,
EVIL. THERE'S
MEGADEATH
TO DO!





THE ENDLESS GRAVEYARD--

I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING!



IT FEELS SO FOREIGN.

IT FEELS AS IF SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...

NEXT
UNTHINKABLE!